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there was quite a number of negroes with more or less education even in the South, and probably a larger number in the North.

A comprehensive bibliography is appended to the work, and there is throughout evidence that Mr. Woodson has made extensive research. In spite of the defects mentioned above it will never be necessary for any one to do this work again.

W. L. F.

The American Navy. By Rear-Admiral French E. Chadwick (U. S. N., Retired). [The American books.] (Garden City, New York: Doubleday, Page and Company, 1915. 284 p. \$.60 net)

This little volume sketches the history of the American navy with special reference to its accomplishments in the wars in which the United States has been engaged. In its proportions the survey emphasizes the period from 1775 to 1815, two-thirds of the volume having been assigned to these years. In the seven chapters on the American revolution his indebtedness to Gardner W. Allen's *A naval history of the revolution* and to Oscar C. Paullin's *The navy of the American revolution* is apparent. The civil war era is covered hastily, no attempt being made to describe or even list any except the more important naval engagements. The author suggests, however, that the part of the navy in the civil war has been greatly underestimated. The reader's expectations are disappointed on finding that the period since 1882, "the birthday of our navy of today," is covered in twenty-five pages and that the discussion of present naval issues is accomplished in very little more than three pages. This is ground on which the first-hand information of Rear-Admiral Chadwick might have thrown important light.

A. C. C.

The Panama canal; comprising its history and construction, and its relation to the navy, international law and commerce. By Reuben E. Bakenhus, S.B., corps of civil engineers, United States Navy, public works officer, navy yard, Boston, formerly assistant in civil engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Harry S. Knapp, captain United States Navy, formerly member Naval War College staff; Emory R. Johnson, Ph.D., Sc.D., professor of transportation and commerce, University of Pennsylvania, member of public service commission of Pennsylvania, special commissioner on Panama canal traffic and tolls, 1911-1913. (New York: John Wiley and Sons; London: Chapman and Hall, 1915. 257 p. \$2.50)

"The articles which have been gathered under one cover to form this book were originally published in the Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute." According to the authors, this assemblage of articles